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Hon. Serge Rousselle
Minister of Environment and Local Government
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Dear Minister Rousselle:

Congratulations on your recent appointment as Minister of Environment and Local Government.

You have inherited this portfolio at a crucial moment in time as the Department is playing a pivotal role in contributing to the development of our provincial and national climate action strategy, and overhauling our antiquated Municipalities Act and Community Planning Act.

I am hoping you will give consideration to publishing a white paper outlining the proposed legislation to help New Brunswickers understand the planned changes. I also believe, the bills themselves should be sent to the Law Amendments Committee for public hearings before the bills are called for second reading. The better engaged the public, the more responsive bills can be to the needs of the people and the communities that it is designed to serve.

With respect to your Department's work on climate action, I would appreciate the opportunity to receive a briefing on the progress of the four national round tables to-date.

I look forward to working with you in your new capacity on these two issues which will take centre stage this fall and through the winter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Coon".

David Coon,
MLA, Fredericton South
Leader, Green Party of New Brunswick